

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A DNA-enzyme has been identified against the Tat gene of HIV-I, which has inhibitory action on laboratory-adapted strain of HIV-1 in tissue culture.

(c) Yes, Sir. It has been published in the journal titled "Biochemical Journal" in the year 2000.

(d) This is a promising approach towards development of new anti-AIDS agents. However, it would require further study before its application in the programme.

News-Item, "Indian Red Cross Society Ki Pradhan Mahasachib Ki Niyukti Me Manmani"

3975. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Indian Red Cross Society Ki Pradhan Mahasachib Ki Niyukti Me Manmani" which appeared in the Jansatta dated 9th February, 2001;

(b) whether Government will order an enquiry into the affairs;

(c) if so, the time-frame thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The requisite information was called from Indian Red Cross Society. The information furnished by them in their letter dated 16.4.2001 was incomplete and hence the said Society have been again requested to furnish the complete information at an early date. Appropriate action will be taken on receipt of complete information.

Filling of FIR against J. Mitra and Co.

3976. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to

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RAJYA SABHA

Unstarred Question 1501 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether any opinion from Legal Advisor of IRCS was sought for lodging FIR;

(b) whether on 21.3.2000, Secretary-General kept her opinion reserved on this volatile issue;

(c) whether Deputy Director, Blood Bank, IRCS, had specifically commented in writing on 15.4.2000 that FIR may be lodged by Administration;

(d) whether the concerned file was sent to Secretary-General with these notes on 19.4.2000; and

(e) if so, why no action for lodging FIR was taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Detailed information is being collected from the national headquarters of IRCS, New Delhi and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of the composite dispensary in Ashok Vihar by CGHS/DGHS

3977. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees residing at Ashok Vihar, New Delhi are facing lot of difficulties due to delay in construction of the Composite Dispensary in Ashok Vihar by the CGHS/DGHS;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the construction of building by Government;

(c) whether residents of the area have represented to Government for construction of temporary sheds on the allotted/sanctioned plot for running of dispensary; and

(d) if so, by when the said temporary dispensary would commence its operation?